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SUBJ: MEAT IMPORT PROGRAM

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1. LIC. FRANCISCO RAMOS CANTORAL, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, SAG WILL BE IN WASHINGTON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10 FOR CONSULTATIONS ON MEAT IMPORT PROGRAM. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MEXICAN EMBASSY AGATT, LIC. FOGLIO AND POSSIBLY ONE DELEGATE EACH FROM FOREIGN TRADE INSTITUTE (IMCE) AND MEAT PACKERS' ASSOCIATION.

2. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT CONTACT FOGLIO AT THE MEXICAN EMBASSY TO ARRANGE TIME FOR CONSULTATIONS AND PROVIDE INTERPRETER. RAMOS CANTORAL UNDERSTANDS ENGLISH BUT DOES NOT SPEAK IT.

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3. IN COURTESY CALL ON SAG SUBSECRETARY, DR. FERNANDEZ GOMEZ

YESTERDAY WITH USDA MEAT INSPECTION OFFICIALS, HE INDICATED THAT MEXICO'S TOP PRIORITY WILL BE TO REGAIN TEN (SIC) MILLION POUNDS MEXICO RELINQUISHED WHEN QUOTA APPLIED IN 1976. WE PRESUME THEY WILL ASK FOR A QUOTA OF AT LEAST SIXTY MILLION POUNDS FOR 1977. IT APPEARS NOW THAT MEXICO WILL FILL ITS REDUCED QUOTA OF FIFTY TWO MILLIONS POUNDS FOR 1976, PERHAPS BY DECEMBER 24. WE NOTE THAT U.S. IMPORT DATA FOR JANUARY THROUGH NOVEMBER 17 SHOWS 39.5 MILLION POUNDS, ABOUT TWO MILLION POUNDS ABOVE MEXICAN EXPORT FIGURE FOR SAME DATE.
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